Use of pornographic websites

1658. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Government's web domain'.in' is being used by some in respect of their pornographic websites;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the action taken to cancel such contract and prevent recurrence of such incidence in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) in Registry was informed about a pornographic website under the domain name "sex.in".

(c) As per the .in policy and under the extant clauses of agreement immediate action was taken by the .in Registry to suspend the site "sex.in", which was complied with promptly by the concerned Registrar. The Registry-Registrar agreement under clause 3.4.4.5 empowers the .in Registry to suspend such sites that violate any Indian law or the IT Act of 2000.

Utilisation of ITI's expertise

1659. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mandate on MTNL/BSNL to purchase their equipment from ITI is proposed to be scrapped;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether incorporation of OEM clause in the tender regime has effectively barred ITI from contending for the BSNL supply orders even though ITI's quotation was most competitive;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether such measures are against the interest of ITI and are driving it towards closure; and

(f) if so, the measures proposed to be taken to ensure utilization of ITI's expertise in communication sector and its survival against its overseas competitors in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in its Management Committee Meeting on 12.07.2006 has decided to continue reservation quota to M/s ITI Ltd.

(c) to (f) BSNL generally incorporate Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) clause in the tenders so that after sale services for the maintenance of the equipment so procured is assured. In one of the tenders, ITI could not meet the eligibility criteria of being a manufacturer of Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) and hence its bid was rejected. ITI subsequently has taken up manufacturing of CPEs and, therefore, they have tendered their bid in a recent Broadband tender by BSNL.

Foreign CEOS in Indian telecom companies

1660. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been proposed to allow Foreign Chief Executive Officer in Indian telephone companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether all aspect including security aspects have been taken into consideration before deciding upon such proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) As per the extant policy as notified *vide* Press Note No. 5 (2005 series) dated 3.11.2005, the majority Directors on the Board including Chairman, Managing Director and chief Executive Officer (CEO) shall be resident Indian citizens, enforced through licence agreement.

Digital Device

1661. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: